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1. CONCERNING PARA 2 OF DUTCH STATEMENT (REFTEL), WE
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BELIEVE THAT DUTCH LINKAGE OF PROGRESS IN MBFR TALKS TO
CONVENING OF CSCE IN FORMAL CONTEXT OF MBFR PLENARIES
MAY NOT BE AS HELPFUL IN MOVING CURRENT MBFR TALKS TO
ACCEPTABLE CONCLUSION AS BOTH WE AND DUTCH DESIRE. WE
RECOGNIZE THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT MAY WISH PERIODICALLY TO
DRAW ATTENTION TO GENERAL PARALLELISM IN WHICH CSCE AND
MBFR PROCEED, AS IS ITS PREROGATIVE. AS DUTCH ARE AWARE,
HOWEVER, WE HAVE RESISTED FORMAL LINKAGE BECAUSE WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IN THIS CASE,
BECAUSE FORMAL STATEMENTS IN PLENARY SESSION ARE INVOLVED,
WE BELIEVE IT COULD ADD A NEW CONTENTIOUS ELEMENT WHEN
ALLIED GOAL SHOULD BE SWIFT CONCLUSION OF CURRENT MBFR
TALKS. SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY INFORMALLY SURFACED THE
POSSIBILITY OF MBFR/ CSCE COUNTER- LINKAGE. SHOULD THEY
FSTANDING BALANCES. REPAYMENT IS TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE BANK
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